THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) Details cannot be divulged at this stage in the interest of operations.

Income tax recovery from Modi Group

118. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 1983 Godfray Philips (India) Ltd. of the Modi Group was asked to pay Rs. 150 crores in income-tax and excise duty;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what steps have been taken to recover the amount;

(d) what is the stage at which the matter stands;

(e) whether Government have received any communication in this regard from a Member of Parliament alleging collusion between the and "certain people in the Central Board for Direct Taxes"; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): *Income tax*: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Not required.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) and (f) Communication from various Members of Parliament have been received alleging that the Income-tax Department is not enforcing recovery of income-tax arrears outstanding against M/s. Godfray Philips (India) Ltd. and that the assets attached by the Income-tax Department have been released by the DGIT (Inv), Bombay under instructions from Delhi. It has also been alleged that assessee's petitions for assessment years 1984-85 to 1986-87 have still not been disposed of by the Settlement Commission since November, 1987.

The allegations have been duly examined by the CBDT. Only one of the assets of the value of Rs. 3.10 crores has been released after ensuring that the interest of revenue are protected. The order of attachment is still in operation against remaining assets valued at Rs. 41 crores approximately. This is sufficient to cover the expected income-tax liability of the assessee. For assessment year 1988-89 the ITAT has granted stay upto 30.12.1993 against collection demand. Regarding matters before the Settlement Commission, the Commission has not been able to proceed with the case in view of the stay granted by the Hon'ble Bombay High Court.

Excise duty:

(a) to (f) The information is being collected & will be laid on the table of the House.

Aid India consortium loan to India

119. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Aid India Consortium has agreed to grant a 7.4 billion dollar loan to India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large chunk of aid pledged in the past, remains unutilised; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for going for fresh loan?